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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION IN KUMASI CALLS ON SMC TO RESIGN

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1. CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT KUMASI HAS NOW JOINED THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA (LEGON) IN CALLING FOR ACHEAMPONG'S SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL TO RESIGN. TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KUMASI ON JUNE 20 FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT BY ITS RECENT ACTION IN CLOSING AND OPENING THE UNIVERSITIES AND IN THE DISMISSAL OF SERVING OFFICERS IN THE UNIVERSITIES, THE JUDICIARY, THE BANKS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE, HAS DEMONSTRATED COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR DUE PROCESSES; AND UNCLASSIFIED

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3. WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT BY THESE AND OTHER ACTIONS HAS CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN RENDERED VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE; AND

4. WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT HAS LOST THE CAPACITY TO RULE

AS IS EVIDENCED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- I. THE TOTAL DISREGARD FOR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES;
  - II. MISMANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMY AND THE RESULTANT  
HARDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE;
  - III. INCREASING EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC OFFICE;
  - IV. THE CLIMATE OF INCREASING REPRESSION AND HARASSMENT  
OF CITIZENS;
  - V. TOTAL LACK OF CANDOUR IN OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS  
CONCERNING NATIONAL ISSUES AND THE SYSTEMATIC  
SUPPRESSION OF INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL  
INTEREST;
  - VI. TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE VALUE OF EDUCATION;
5. WE, THE MEMBERS OF CONVOCATION HERE ASSEMBLED THIS DAY, MONDAY,  
20TH JUNE, 1977, CONDEMN UNRESERVEDLY THE UNCEREMONIOUS AND  
ARBITRARY MANNER IN WHICH THE PROFESSORS AND OTHER HIGH RANKING  
PUBLIC OFFICERS INCLUDING THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE GOVERNOR OF  
THE BANK OF GHANA WERE RETIRED (THE RECISSION OF THE DECISION  
IN THE CASE OF THE PROFESSORS NOTWITHSTANDING);

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6. WE RESOLVE THAT FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS AND IN  
VIEW OF THE GENERAL MALAISE IN WHICH THE COUNTRY IS  
ENVELOPED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUPREME MILITARY  
COUNCIL SHOULD RESIGN FORTHWITH.
7. WE RESOLVE THAT A COMMITTEE OF CIVILIANS BE  
EMPOWERED TO TAKE OVER IMMEDIATELY FROM THE SUPREME  
MILITARY COUNCIL.
- COMPOSITION OF TAKE-OVER GOVERNMENT:
1. CHIEF JUSTICE AS CHAIRMAN
  2. CHAIRMAN OF CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
  3. ONE CHIEF NOMINATED BY THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF  
CHIEFS
8. WE RESOLVE THAT SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES/  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES SHOULD TAKE OVER ADMINISTRATIVE  
CONTROL OF THE MINISTRIES.

9. WE RESOLVE THAT A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR DRAFTING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION BE SUMMONED WITHIN 2 MONTHS AFTER THE TAKE-OVER AND THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS BE CALLED WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

10. WE RESOLVE FURTHER THAT UNTIL ALL THE ABOVE DEMANDS INCLUDING THE RESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN COMPILED WITH, WE REFUSE TO PERFORM OUR NORMAL ACADEMIC DUTIES. UNQUOTE. SMITH

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